Mr. A. Lakshminarayana Ayyar (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) This has come to the notice of Government recently through an article on the subject published in a newspaper.

(*b*) The question is engaging the attention of Government.

Mr. M. Govindan (*Nominated*): In the question it is said "that very often all the four sides of them are open." May I know from the honourable member how it can be called an envelope if all the four sides are open?

Mr. A. Lakshminarayana Ayyar: There are some defects in the manufacture of the envelopes; but all the four sides cannot be open. Three sides may be open in some cases.

Co-operative societies belonging to backward communities.

32. * **Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of co-operative societies belonging to the backward communities now functioning in Travancore?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*): 113 societies.

Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan (*Nominated*): പിന്നോക്കസമുദായങ്ങൾക്കു മാത്രം പ്രയോജനമായ സംഘങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടെന്നു ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇതെല്ലാം ഇപ്പോഴും പ്രവർത്തനം നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയാണോ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: അതെ.

Ayurvedic Dispensary at Manacaud.

33. * **Mr. V. Sankara Menon** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what action has been taken on the memorial submitted to the Government by the leading citizens of Manacaud some two years back praying for the opening of an Ayurvedic Dispensary at Manacaud;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the action taken; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reason for the same?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The question of opening an Ayurvedic Dispensary at Manacaud was ordered to lie over as Manacaud is very close to the place where the Government Ayurveda Hospital is located.

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